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ENVIRONMENT CLEARANCE TO THE PENDING PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several tourism as well as other developmental projects in various States are pending for environmental clearance with the Union Government;

(b) If so, the details of these projects lying pending, State-wise;

(c) the steps taken to expedite clearance of these projects; and

(d) the time by which all these projects are likely to be cleared ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) Section-wise break up of 1014 development projects which await environment clearance in the Ministry is as follows :

(i) Coal - 3

(ii) Construction - 726

(iii) Industry - 68

(iv) Mining (Non-Coal) - 147

(v) Nuclear - 1

(vi) River Valley - 28

(vii) Thermal - 41
(b) State-wise and Union Territory-wise details of these projects are given at Annexure −1.

(c) The steps taken for early decision on the projects include the continuous monitoring of the status, the enhanced duration of the Expert Appraisal Committee meetings and appraisal of Category 'B' proposals at State level as per Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006.

(d) Efforts are made to clear these projects within the stipulated time frame as per EIA Notification,2006.